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1. On 29 December 1950, the quarters at the former airfield, the barracks installation on Bismarckstrasse and the Soviet kommandatura in Gardelegen (53/Y 44) were occupied by a total of about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Troops were seen drilling in 10 groups, each composed of 12 men, in the yard of the Bismarck-Kaserne, where trucks [ ] were seen. About 35 groups of 12 soldiers each were drilling at the training field near the airfield. Trucks [ ] were at the airfield. Passenger car [ ] was seen at some Soviet-occupied houses in a settlement east of the airfield. About 25 other groups of soldiers were drilling in the open area south of Gardelegen, which bordered on the highway to Waldensleben. \*

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- \* [ ] Comment. Units of the 207th Litz Rifle Div, including the 693rd or 593d Arty Regt, are believed to be stationed at the Gardelegen airfield and in the barracks installation on Bismarckstrasse. [ ]

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[ ] 900 to 1,000 troops to have been stationed at the airfield and 200 to 300 troops in the installation on Bismarckstrasse in late November 1950. [ ] There is a possibility that, besides the artillery regiment which is estimated at 600 to 700 men, an independent battalion of the 207th Litz Rifle Div may be stationed in Gardelegen.

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